

either confines free labor within its present limits or sends it into our new territories in degrading competition with slave labor.

Resolved, That we still recognize and sustain the time honored doctrines taught by the early fathers of our Political faith, that freedom is the great cardinal principle which underlies, pervades and exalts our whole political system, that the Constitution of the United States does not in any way recognize the right of property in man, that slavery as a system is exceptional and purely local, deriving its existence and support wholly from local law; any person held to service or labor in one State under the laws thereof, escaping into another State may be reclaimed, not as property, but as a person, who by the laws of the State whence he escaped, owes, and by the Constitution of the United States is capable of owing a debt of service or labor which he must discharge.

Resolved, That the State of Iowa will not allow slavery within her boundaries, in any form or under any pretext, for any time however short, be the consequences what they may.

Approved March 23d, 1858.

NUMBER 13.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the publication of the Laws.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That there shall be nothing published in connection with the Laws of the present General Assembly, except such Joint Resolutions as have the notice and effect of law.

That no memorial or Joint Resolution to Congress or to any other department of the General Government, shall be published with said laws, nor any other matter except as provided above or as may be hereafter expressly provided by resolution or otherwise.

Approved March 23d, 1858.

NUMBER 14

JOINT RESOLUTION providing for Commissioners to investigate the affairs of State Officers.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That